

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 9. No new claims have been added. Claims 5, 7 and 8 remain canceled. All pending and withdrawn claims are listed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An access control system comprising:
two or more apparatuses, each apparatus comprising:
a port for connecting to a field device;
a display;
a user interface to be displayed on the display, the user interface to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the apparatus, or managing the apparatus, the user interface further operable to be used for at least one of maintaining, retrieving or modifying access control information of the access control system, said access control information applicable to providing authorized users with access to a physical location via said field device; and
wherein a first apparatus is operable to be used for at least one of programming, testing, or managing a second apparatus in the access control system.
2. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 1, wherein:
each apparatus includes a housing;
wherein the housing houses a plurality of personality modules; and
wherein the housing houses the display.
3. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 1, wherein each apparatus further comprising:
a port for connecting to a server.
4. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 1, wherein the display of each apparatus is an LCD touchscreen.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) An access control system having a server comprising:
two or more apparatuses, each apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a port for connecting the apparatus to the server;

a plurality of personality modules housed within the housing;

wherein at least one of the personality modules has a port for connecting
to a field device;

a display housed within the housing;

a memory;

the memory for storing a user interface to be displayed on the display, the user
interface to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the
apparatus, or managing the apparatus, the user interface further operable to be used
for at least one of maintaining, retrieving or modifying access control information of the
access control system, said access control information applicable to providing
authorized users with access to a physical location via the field device; and

wherein a first apparatus is operable to be used for at least one of programming,
testing, or managing a second apparatus in the access control system.

7-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method of configuring an access control system,
comprising:

installing two or more personality modules and connecting the personality
modules to a field device;

installing a display in close proximity to the personality modules;

configuring the personality modules by using the display; and

displaying a user interface on the display, the user interface to be used for at

least one of programming, testing, or managing the personality modules, the user interface further operable to be used for at least one of maintaining, retrieving or modifying access control information of the access control system, said access control information applicable to providing authorized users with access to a physical location via the field device; and

wherein a first personality module is operable to be used for at least one of programming, testing, or managing a second personality module in the access control system.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
configuring a remote personality module using the display.
11. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
controlling the field device using the display.
12. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising viewing diagnostic information for the personality modules using the display.
13. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 1, wherein:
the user interface of each apparatus is further operable to accessing a field device.
14. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 6, wherein:
the user interface of each apparatus is further operable to accessing a field device.
15. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein:
displaying a user interface on the display, the user interface is further operable to accessing a field device.

16. (previously presented) The access control system of claim 6, wherein:
the display of each apparatus is an LCD touchscreen.